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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

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1. The undersigned and [] of ORR/T/TR met with Colonel D. L. Husman, Major Clark and Mr. Ewanik of DIA (DIAAP-1C3), this date. The meeting was held in order to attempt to reach a common understanding regarding the DIA estimates of the volume of military supplies being received from abroad for the Viet Cong (VC) main force and the PAVN forces serving with the main force. Good progress was made in reaching an understanding regarding the requirements for the VC main force, and Colonel Husman promised to reexamine the estimate of requirements for the PAVN force which he admitted was too high in relation to the estimate for the VC. Some progress was also made in establishing a basis for estimating the tons of supplies needed daily for all Communist forces in South Vietnam including the guerrillas.

2. I said that I will prepare another draft of our requirements paper in which only current daily requirements from abroad are estimated. I will also attempt to estimate the quantities of supplies required by the Communist forces from South Vietnam. Colonel Husman said that he would be very much interested in both of these estimates, and that he would do his best to agree to them. He suggested a range where complete agreement cannot be obtained. In this way he thinks it might be possible to introduce a section on requirements into the USIB study.

3. It was a fine meeting, but a sour note was introduced at the end. During the course of the meeting Colonel Husman received a copy of a memorandum from General Wheeler to General Carroll. Colonel Husman read the memo to us before we left. General Wheeler stated that Secretary McNamara is still saying that the Communist forces in South Vietnam are getting 12 to 14 tons of supplies from abroad per day. He then went on to say that he has always regarded this estimate as being too low, and wonders if it would not be appropriate for DIA to reexamine the old estimate made in May 1965.

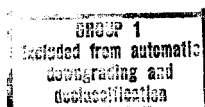
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